HOUSE BILL No. 4980

July 13, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Alley, DeMars, Middaugh, Pridnia, Weeks, Niederstadt, Hart, DeBeaussaert, Pitoniak, Stupak, Profit and Varga and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend section 1008 of Act No. 451 of the Public

Acts of 1976, entitled as amended

"The school code of 1976,"

being section 380.1008 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1   Section 1. Section 1008 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts

2 of 1976, being section 380.1008 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is

3 amended to read as follows:

4   Sec. 1008. (1) In printing ballots for the election of

5 school board members, ~~the following procedure will be used for~~

6 ~~transposing or alternating the positions of the names of the can~~

7 ~~didates on the school election ballots where necessary. An~~

8 ~~alternation or transposition of names shall not take place unless~~

9 ~~more candidate names are presented~~ IF THERE ARE MORE CANDIDATES

10 than there are positions to be elected AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

1 ENCOMPASSES MORE THAN 1 PRECINCT, THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES

2 SHALL BE ROTATED AS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBSECTION. ~~The ballot~~

3 ~~shall contain the names of the candidates arranged in alphabet~~

4 ~~ical order according to surnames.~~ In printing the ballots for

5 the precincts, the relative positions of the candidate names

6 printed in each division shall be changed as many times as there

7 are candidates in ~~the~~ THAT division ~~having the most names~~ AND

8 AS REASONABLY AS POSSIBLE A CANDIDATE'S NAME SHALL NOT APPEAR AT

9 THE TOP OF THE BALLOT MORE TIMES THAN ANY OTHER CANDIDATE'S NAME

10 IN THAT DIVISION. ~~As nearly as possible, an equal number of~~

11 ~~ballots shall be printed for each change.~~ In making position

12 changes, THE NAMES SHALL FIRST BE ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY ACCORD-

13 ING TO SURNAMES ON EACH BALLOT USED IN 1 PRECINCT. IN THE NEXT

14 PRECINCT, the printers shall take a line of type at the head of

15 each office division and place it at the bottom of the division

16 and move the column so that the name ~~which~~ THAT was second

17 ~~before~~ IN THE PRECEDING PRECINCT is first after the change.

18 ~~The separate piles resulting from this printing shall then be~~

19 ~~stacked together so that each ballot has the names in a different~~

20 ~~relative position.~~ THE NAMES SHALL BE CHANGED IN THAT MANNER IN

21 EVERY PRECINCT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

22   (2) IF ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARDS ARE USED, EACH BALLOT

23 FORM THAT CONTAINS IDENTICAL OFFICES AND NAMES SHALL BE CONSID-

24 ERED A SEPARATE PRECINCT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

25   (3) ~~(2)~~ The heading of the ballot shall have printed

26 ~~thereon~~ ON IT BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

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1   (a) The expiration of the terms involved.

2   (b) The statement "Vote for not more than _____".